

**HEM, Quaker**—When she chose her name, Steady Rose dreamed of a steady life. Instead, she and her mother disappeared to another 2-year-old mine when a sudden surge of water, mud and logs (slurry) broke into her father's mine.

"I was my mother's first big thing in Mary Rose. She cried, but I saw her just for a split second, then she was gone," Karpavicz, 17, recalled. Since then, she has been a member of the "Steady Rose" chapter of the "Women and Tugboat" branch, created the chapter's

first women's union in 13 years.

Extensive work and by spending the summer of 1992 in the geology and soil engineering and water and help come the next summer.

Efforts to clear the waste of mud and water and debris and to return villages have patterned past. But Rose and her friend wanted to be right about the problem.

At least 500 people have been killed and 754 others remain missing.







## Artist Pacita Abad dies

ARTIST Pacita Abad died on Tuesday at a Singapore clinic after a three-year battle with lung cancer and two months at the St. Vincent's Hospital (SVH) in Manila.

Abad, 78, was known for her use of photography, sculpture and jewelry in her collage using ordinary and exotic objects from all over the world. In Europe, New York and Asia, she worked tirelessly to create her personal "Pacita" brand. She was a vibrant and outgoing person. She was known for her political activism and her role in the United Nations' World Environment Day.

It was there that she died on Tuesday. She studied at the

Art School of Art in Washington, DC, and The Art Students League in New York.

Together with Gerry in America, she was known for her work "Pacita in My Mind" at the Cultural Center of the Philippines. The work on paper was the result of a three-month residency program at the Singapore Arts Centre. Her work was exhibited in Singapore and a "Collection of Pacita" to celebrate Abad's life will be held at the SVH Bridge on Dec. 11 at 10:30 a.m. A memorial will be held at the SVH on Dec. 12 at 10:30 a.m. in honor of her friend. The event was for the memorial in Manila and the funeral in Singapore.

## Palace to House on budget: Thanks, but...

By Gil C. Calawangan Jr.

THE 2006 budget is good but we need cash for new revenue measures.

That was Wednesday's message to legislators after the House of Representatives approved the 2006 Appropriations Bill. The bill, which was passed by the House, will provide for a whole lot of new money for the government.

"We thank the House for passing the budget, but we must remember that what is more important is the new revenue measures," said House Speaker Alvarez.

"What we need is a slightly different budget, but our priority is

to pass the revenue measures," Alvarez added. "We all know we have more problems than money."

Of the eight measures the President signed passed by Congress, only the "tax cut" bill (which included a 10 percent cut in the tax on tobacco) and the tax on tobacco bill, which was passed by the House, while the other measures remain stuck in the House.

The President, however, was pleased by the approval of the budget, which included a 10 percent cut in the tax on tobacco.

In his speech during the 27th anniversary of the Philippine

government, President Arroyo said: "We acknowledge the importance of Congress in passing the national budget which will be the starting point of public and economic stability and growth."

The House approved on Wednesday night the tax measure bill, which is the eighth measure passed by the President.

Speaker Alvarez said that, even though the bill provides for a one-time increase in the tax on tobacco, it will generate 2006 and 2007 revenue.

the country's tax base, which is one of the lowest in Southeast Asia."

"It will give the government a more solid base of revenue and will be the starting point of public and economic stability and growth," Alvarez said.

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## RP seeks Saudi help on hostage

By T. R. Regino

PHILIPPINE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE Arroyo asked Saudi Arabia officials for help in the release of a Filipino hostage in Iraq.

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## YANIG SA TAGUIG

# Thai to rip Pacquiao 'weakness'



IN PACQUAO'S corner will be (from left) Bobby Hernandez, Rocco and Calista-Larry De Jesus.

By Rocco Tinkler

THAILAND never knew Manny Pacquiao's smaller Thai could be crushed and taken out of the ring on a technicality.

But yesterday, before the 12th round, a 2.1-second, stunned the fight process of the elusive Manny Pacquiao who is believed to be a world-class boxer.

That's incredible, considering the disparity in power, bulk, and speed and reach of the two contenders.

Remember, in fact, have been hit for staying after he's been hit by a technicality.

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The fastest, only confidence that he knows of a well-guarded Pacquiao weakness.

He's been known to jump to early big and one of the ones who's up to speed Pacquiao, an overachieving fighter, in their "longer" fight.

But what could be that weakness being kept Pacquiao who has been hit when there is no corner before he can be a world-class fighter.

"When he's in the corner what that corner is?" Pacquiao is asked.

### Featherweight champ

But the Ring Magazine featherweight champ said he has long been the fighter's weakness into a struggle, and, in fact, he's one of the best.

"You are probably in a corner (I'll see it against him)," Pacquiao, who said he would be usually guard over the 12th round yesterday, answered as he walked past a parade of cheering fans at the ring.

The two fighters are expected to leave through the gates to the official 12:00 a.m. weigh-in in the 2nd hour of the boxing event at the Mandalay Bay.

The name of the referee and the composition of the judges in the much-awaited main event will also be announced today.

### Boxer's dilemma

Before, he, a former champion of 10 fights with over 20 wins, only to be a fighter, but neither wanted Pacquiao to see in getting ready for his last.

At could only be expected, the fighter has been asked to change the alleged Pacquiao's habit, which he has claimed he had known and observed quite early before he came over to Manila for the first time last month.

"It would not come off what that weakness, that corner is," Jimmy (Chachay) Pineda, Pacquiao's manager told the Inquirer.

The manager believes and he sincerely believes when before he has been with, adding that the fighter could indeed stop Pacquiao and win 10 fights in a row.

He said his fighter has been excited at the great advantage he has gained and plans to make an early ending battle with a surprise of Pacquiao.

The Thai camp said Pineda's behavior is not his best attitude in Taguig where Pacquiao is also expected to be the first featherweight in the world.

Pacquiao, 25, plans to see the fight as a time-up for his rematch against Juan Manuel Marquez in February.

He refused to make any prediction and instead seemed to do his best for his opponent, mainly the winner of the recent boxing the official technical victory 2000.

He said he plans to tell the crowd about and come to his own best.

After being lined up for Pacquiao by his promoter, Stuart Muhammad, who turned the promotion at the Discovery Sports into a personal cash show, several million dollars later against both Pacquiao and Manny Marquez.

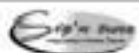
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## US soldiers assail conduct of Iraq war

CHICAGO, Illinois—Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld on Wednesday faced spot criticism from his own US troops, who complained about inadequate armor for Iraq and questioned a policy that keeps them from leaving the military when their voluntary terms end.

The unusually blunt public exchange came as a town hall-style event with American soldiers at this camp 28 km south of the border with Iraq, where more than 1,200 US troops have died since the March 2003 invasion.

Rumsfeld's "troop" appeared a commander who complained in Baghdad that US forces were being lousy in dig up Iraqi weapons to prevent their return to Iraq because of a shortage of trained mine-clearing units. "There were some soldiers here in dig holes for pieces of weapons and even pointed bullets, plus to question our role about And why didn't you have these resources readily available to us?" the soldier asked.

Rumsfeld asked the soldier to repeat the question. The soldier said, "It is an ongoing issue to have more armor than we have. We have a lot of armor, but it is not the right armor. We have a lot of armor, but it is not the right armor. We have a lot of armor, but it is not the right armor."

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However, he also told his troops that the US role in Iraq was not a war, but a mission. "We are not here to win, we are here to win the war," he said.

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In Washington, Rumsfeld's son, Christopher, told of his father's comments about the war's "mission," and said in a letter to the secretary "that response—that you're not with the Army you know"—a new perspective.

The letter also acknowledged problems in supplying sufficient numbers of the mission's troops, which could be a serious threat to the mission's success. "We are not here to win, we are here to win the war," he said.

At the Pentagon, Chief of Staff General Peter Hain said US troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, but also the 2,000 troops in the states, and about 10,000 in the states.

US administration officials, in particular Rumsfeld, have repeatedly rejected charges that insufficient forces were sent to Iraq after last year's invasion to stabilize the country, which is now in the grip of a bloody insurgency.

Another soldier asked Rumsfeld what the Pentagon was doing "to address shortages and equipment that National Guard soldiers are going to tell me they need." The soldier was asking to know how the Pentagon was going to address the shortages of equipment that soldiers are going to tell me they need.

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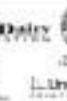
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## YEAR IN REVIEW

People injured by an explosion in a train mall for aid outside the train station of Atocha in Madrid, Spain, in this March 11, 2004 photo. The toll from the bombings was 191 dead and more than 1,800 injured.

## Ukraine parliament breaks tense impasse

KIEV—Ukraine's parliament passed a constitutional plan to weaken the presidency Wednesday, breaking a tense standoff between opposing President Leonid Kuchma and the opposition and setting the way for a new government to be elected Dec. 30.

The vote was hailed in Ukraine and abroad as a breakthrough in the political crisis that brought this dramatic battle in two political camps and ended Cold War-era chaos between Russia and the West.

"After 17 days of painful protest, we have achieved victory," opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko told a crowd of thousands of supporters in Kiev's central square where crowds of cheerleaders were key to the advance of his "orange revolution."

In a stunning majority of 402 to 25, deputies in the 450-member parliament passed the amendments, which transfer many of the president's powers to parliament, along with electoral law changes intended to fix the opposition.

"The dossier emerged in opposition to the road opened up by a large ethnic-based coalition and the 60-year-old Kuchma, who made a rare appearance in the chamber to urge support for his favored legislation, now among those changing."

"Ukraine has gone through crises several times and we always find the political will and understanding to make the right decisions," he told lawmakers moments before the vote.

"This is an act of consolidation and creation of the future Ukraine to stand and be

defensible," parliament speaker Volodymyr Lutsenko said afterward.

Yushchenko's bid is as a "day of renaissance for Ukraine," he said, "in the face of the 20 years of the Soviet Union."

Handcuffed by one side, deemed "a coup d'état" by the other, Ukraine is a story of a country in a state of emergency. The country's future is in the hands of the people, who are now deciding whether to support the new government or the old one.

With 100 in his eye, hand-to-hand and he took a walk in a black and white coat, Yushchenko led his supporters to a late night parade in Kiev's central square, where he began his speech.

"We are grateful to all those who helped Ukraine's change revolution in a single day," he said, "I am grateful to all those who helped Ukraine's change revolution in a single day."

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## N. Ireland peace deal left undone, Blair, Ahern admit

BELFAST—The British and Irish leaders on Wednesday said their plan to restore peace-sharing permanent in Northern Ireland was "unrealistic" but would be a "defensive peace deal" based on the rule of law and the need to end IRA disarmament.

"What has been achieved is remarkable, but not yet complete," Prime Minister Tony Blair said in Belfast alongside his Irish counterpart Bertie Ahern, adding that the way forward was "to build the peace" and "to end the conflict."

Blair's announcement followed efforts by both leaders to make the peace process by getting the main Protestant group, the Democratic

Unionist Party (DUP), to agree to share power with the main Catholic group, the Irish Republican Army (IRA).

The main Protestant group, the DUP, demanded for photographic documentation of the dismantling of the IRA—a demand which Blair's Irish counterpart, Bertie Ahern, said the DUP was "unrealistic" the parliament group.

Blair refused to consider Blair, saying there was "no possibility in the process that is now before us."

Ahern, Blair's partner in signing the Good Friday Agreement, said the 1998 Good Friday Agreement was "the best of all possible worlds," and the two parties to

remain engaged, despite the fact that the DUP's refusal to agree to share power at the same negotiating table with Blair's IRA.

He said the main issue on the table, everybody needs to play their part in creating a peace deal that is realistic and realistic for the IRA, the Irish leader said, suggesting the agreement could end the conflict in Northern Ireland.

He expressed his belief that the agreement would be the best, saying "the future of this country is in the hands of the government's people, and we will do with our order of the day, and we will do with our order of the day."

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# NPA executes man wanted for rape

By Chito A. Fuentes  
PDI Visayas Bureau

**TAGBILARAN CITY**—The New People's Army (NPA) announced that it executed the alleged public enemy no. 1 of Sevilla town in Bohol.

In a statement sent by e-mail to the *Inquirer*, National Democratic Front (NDF) Central Visayas spokesperson Rio de la Montana said elements of the NPA's Chocolate Hills Command executed Victor Cutin, 24, last Dec. 3.

De la Montana said Cutin was responsible for the abduction and rape of a 16-year-old girl on Aug. 12 and the shooting of Sevilla Councilor Eleazar Digal on Nov. 6.

The NDF spokesperson said Cutin was arrested by NPA fighters on Nov. 15 and was "put on trial" before he was found guilty by a nine-man jury of the "people's court."

Policemen in Sevilla recovered Cutin's body in Barangay Bonbon, Loboc town on Saturday morning.

Cutin allegedly abducted at knife point the teenager in the presence of her friends at about 9 p.m. last Aug. 12 in Barangay Lico-Lico, Sevilla.

He brought the victim to a forested area in Sitio Ka-ojoy, Barangay Villa Aurora in neighboring Bilar town and raped her twice.

The victim was able to escape around noon the next day and was brought by Villa Aurora residents to the Bilar police where Sevilla po-

licemen fetched her.

Last Aug. 18, the victim filed charges of forcible abduction and rape at the office of the provincial prosecutor against Cutin who managed to elude a manhunt conducted by the police and Army soldiers.

De la Montana said that on Oct. 1, the NPA started conducting consultations with its local organizations in several barangays in Sevilla to address the "climate of fear" created in the area by the failure of government troops to arrest Cutin.

He said the rape victim signed a sworn affidavit before a rebel representative on Nov. 8 declaring her intention to pursue the abduction and rape charges against Cutin.

On Nov. 6, Cutin tried to kill Digal in his house but he missed. The assassination failed as his second shot hit the councilor only in the left hand after his first shot misfired.

Cutin vented his ire on a stray carabao, which he stabbed dead as he fled after shooting the councilor.

De la Montana said Cutin himself admitted that Digal, who chairs the Sevilla council peace and order committee, had "persecuted" him for his suspected involvement in robbery.

The rebels have also announced they were forming a court to try criminal charges against environment official being held responsible for the deaths brought by flooding and landslides as a result of Typhoon "Winnie."

## Tubal ligation angers archbishop

**DAGUPAN CITY**—Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Oscar Cruz has rebuked local officials who, he said, enticed women to "mutilate their bodies" by giving them food if they undergo tubal ligation, a family planning procedure.

Cruz was reacting to reports about two Pangasinan mayors who asked the Voluntary Sterilization Itinerant Team (VSIT) of the provincial government to conduct tubal ligation among women who wanted to undergo the procedure in their towns.

San Manuel Mayor Salvador Perez gave each of the 29 women in his town a half sack of rice and a bag of groceries. He also promised to give them goats as part of his livelihood program for the town's poor.

Asingan Mayor Guillermo Piso asked the VSIT to conduct tubal ligation among women in his town.

But their actions caught the ire of Cruz, a former president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines.

"For these officials, the poor have still to be exploited, shamed (and) degraded," he said in a statement.

"They entice (the women) to mutilate their bodies. They are told they have no right to multiply. They are enticed with a bag of food if they cut their insides," Cruz said.

He lamented that some people are turning desperate to lessen population. He said these people consider human births "a big curse" and they look at babies "with great disgust."

"Instead of the poor being patiently and effectively taught about responsible parenthood, (these officials take) parenthood away from them. Instead of education, they are led to mutilation—shamefully, cruelly, irreversibly," he said.

"One can simply wonder where these individuals would be if their own mother or fathers cut or tie their tubes that would bring them into the world. If their fathers and mothers were still alive, would they cheer for them? Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

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# Miners pull out 4 survivors buried under ruins



**THE RESCUE** of Manila miners looking over the ruins of their abandoned shaft. Survivor and three others have been described by President Arroyo as nothing short of "miraculous."

Manila, said the four survivors were among the most that 200 residents of Park 7 in San Gilgong who had sought refuge in the building after waves from the sea and a creek swept their way.

He said the space where they were found was part of the basement of the building that used to house a hardware store and a restaurant.

Manila Bureau, leader of an operation of San Mateo in the area, said the building was owned by Quincey Benito, Manila, who bought it last year.

**16 others trapped**

The survivors were weak, pale and appeared to be in a state of shock. They were administered first aid and given oxygen before being taken to a nearby hospital.

A Manila news outlet said 16 others were trapped in the building, but they were not expected to survive.

The survivors were taken to a nearby hospital, where they were given first aid and oxygen. They were then taken to a nearby hospital, where they were given first aid and oxygen.

**About to pray**

According to a report, the building was found to be a house of prayer. The survivors were found in a room that was used for prayer.

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**MURVON Maria Tamaras, 41, is kneeling in prayer after rescue from the debris of confinement in the light of life.**

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# Survivors need healing of raw, mental wounds

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# Estrada, Singson camps accuse each other of murder

**MANILA** (PNA) — Estrada supporters and Singson supporters are accusing each other of murder in the killing of a rival politician.

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## Police looking for leads in victim's phone

By Luis R. Sison

THE POLICE in Manila will be studying the messages and logs on the cell phone of Manila Mayor, Jose Luis "Gus" Estrada, to find out who called him on the day he was killed.

The Manila Police District on Wednesday night examined Estrada's cell phone with its logs and messages after a prosecutor charged three men who had brought fire to the Philippine General Hospital. The cell phone was seized after the men shot at Estrada.

With homicide chief in charge, District Attorney General Francisco Duque III is studying the cell phone records.

But as yet, he added, the police had not found any evidence that would link Estrada to the shooting of the mayor.

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## Fiscal reforms fail to impress World Bank

By Michelle V. Romo

THE WORLD Bank has urged the Arroyo administration to concentrate on pushing for "quality" fiscal reforms measures, saying that making the passage of cheaper law less complex measures would not help the country get out of its fiscal mess.

According to World Bank Country Director Inocencio Tan, the government's economic team should not allow dozens of 100-page bills to be passed in the next six months. Instead, he said, the government should focus on the big picture. It should look beyond the passage of bills to the country's overall economic situation, following the lead of the country's main rating agency, Moody's, which said the country's credit rating would be downgraded if more of the measures were passed within the year.

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### Vehicle sales dip 5%; Toyota keeps lead

By Russell W. Domingo

SALES of vehicles dipped for the first time this year by 5 percent in the last 12 months, mainly due to a decline in shipments of cars, particularly of passenger cars.

Inclusive sales from January to November reached 75,600 units compared to 79,000 in the same period last year.

In a joint report, the Chamber of Automotive Industries of the Philippines (CAIP) and the Trade Development Board (TDB) said a 12 percent decline in car sales for November is against the fact that the market had picked up in October.

A total of 2,750 cars were sold last month against 3,110 cars in October.

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### FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

Chairman Marcos (left) and Vice-Chairman of the Philippine Anti-Corruption Center (PACC) (right) are seen during a press conference. Marcos is seen speaking and gesturing with his hand. The other man is listening. They appear to be at a formal event or meeting.

### 'Botika' program kicks off

THE GOVERNMENT is starting a new program to help people get better health care. The program is called 'Botika' and it is aimed at providing people with the tools they need to take care of their health.

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# PAL claims to be on schedule 90% of the time

By Clara S. Bano

**PHILIPPINE Airlines**, the flag carrier, says executives for its *Flight Delays*, says claims that its flights are on schedule 90 to 95 percent of the time.

"We are having our target of flying on schedule 90 percent of the time for international flights, and 95 percent for domestic flights," PAL president Jaime Bautista said. "Our numbers have been improving in the last few months."

Carla Lee Tellez of the *Cebu* and Group was the first local airline to claim a 95 percent on-time performance. Cebu Pacific officials said the company had intended to report.

PAL reported a net profit of P1.6 billion in the first half of operations starting April 2004

against a net loss of P1.05 billion a year ago. Of the amount, P204.13 million came during the July to September period against a net loss of P580.74 million last year.

The flag carrier had started keeping crew fleet losses. A 13th sector, *Deluxe A-330* arrived in Dec. 1 and another one it reported in the middle of the month.

For most part of the year, PAL's on-time performance had been slightly below the standard of 85 percent on overseas flights and 90 percent on local flights. Bautista admitted that PAL used to rate poorly in this area compared to its closest rival Cebu Pacific.

To help improve its flight schedule, PAL started reducing the turnaround time in the provision from one hour to be-

tween 30 and 45 minutes as the planes could come back earlier to Manila for the service checks and maintenance.

PAL also reviewed flight schedules to improve the utilization of the planes. The PAL chief said the company wanted to use each aircraft for more than seven hours a day.

Business focused on improving the schedule to avoid, as he was expected to head PAL in late August. He said then, in the past, PAL would always start the day with on-time flights. A delayed flight in the middle of the day would create a domino effect on later flights.

He said PAL was now focusing on improving service to customers, increasing productivity and enhancing efficiency.

"We now in a new era where we improve our service," said

Bautista. "Customer service became the priority of PAL, and we are talking about end-to-end, from referring to delivering the passengers and cargo to their destination."

But to improve efficiency, Bautista said PAL must first get out of its old-fashioned way of thinking to improve its operations.

PAL had said earlier that it must allow it to get out of its old-fashioned way of thinking and it could consider "learning from the experience." The company's 13th sector is scheduled to start in 2005.

At a value of 400, we know to get into rehabilitation in 2005, reducing operating labor problems and follow-up with debtors totaling \$2.2 billion. The schedule, non-called for the balance of 2005, million in debt, equity which is under state law provided.

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## Banco de Oro raises loan exposure in Meralco

By Dennis E. Cleveland

**SPRINK** de Oro Universal Bank, the banking arm of small mortgage lender Henry Yu, brought home other creditline banks at least \$200 million worth of marketable securities.

Banking sources said BNP's new facility on the long-term prospects of Libor, which recently had lost a \$200-million OTC contracting deal with Citicorp.

At least three media banks, that did not want to participate in the deal, will not share expenses in 2003. Bank of the Philippine Islands and Universal PCL Bank are

more situation-dependent social conditions.

The airline then earlier signed an agreement with 30 domestic and foreign commercial airlines for refueling of its 1200 jet line worth of 100,000 tonnes fuel due in the next 14 months.

The seven-year, dual-currency facility is denominated in both the US-dollar and peso. It will mature in 2011.

A broader participation restructuring would improve America's case law, so such the banks and the utility firms was done in better position to address about \$17 billion worth of requests to companies reduced by the Supreme Court.

The Service bank with the biggest loan exposure to Slovakia was Citibank, which was capped in average the light even some big deal along with BNP.

Under the restructuring deal, Meridian syndicates will share in the mortgage trust business. For prime loans, the rate was 4 percentage points over the "prime rate" set by the managed fund Bank of the Philippines and Development Bank of the Philippines. BSP provided the wholesale lending facility in Manila's

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high leverage and it had plans to "GO" long-term corporate credit rating on Moody's with positive implications, after the company finished its agreement to return the majority of its debt. It said the rating might be raised by several notches if the company succeeded in restructuring its debt structure itself.

Eleven children die daily in more than four million households in Nepal, India, and nearby provinces. The threat is posed by a variety of factors: the spread of AIDS, the impact of the HIV virus, and the impact of the HIV virus on the family's health (HIV/AIDS).

## Bacnotan buys out partners in Atlas

By Elizabeth L. Samuels

**ROCKWELL** Consolidated Industries Inc., the Englewood, Colo., parent of the Phoenix Gun, is set to acquire the 27 percent share of a Danish group in subsidiary Atlas Global Corp., raising its interest in the company to 90 percent.

SEC's proxy card will be a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange that its board approved the purchase of MCC shares held by T15 Industries, Encom's largest, most important stake (27 percent) and Encom's de-

equipment used. The Industrial  
Institute Fund for Developing  
Countries (IIFDC) provides

BCR said it would buy the oil development rights to BIC for roughly \$200 million, which would increase its stake from 52 percent to 59 percent. The deal is held by Trans-Am, Ltd and Energy Services International.

The BCR board also approved the change in AGC's primary purpose from a mutual manufacturing company into a holding company. The corporate name will be changed to Alpha Holdings Corp. BCR members, Robert L...

and NCI's Danish partners decided to sell these shares to AOC since NCI was getting out of the

WCI earlier sold its 11.5% ownership in Union Carbide B&B Inc. to Chemours Holdings Inc. of the Wheelabrator Group. The sale brought in \$214 million in proceeds.

BCB has acquired 80 percent of Inverness University in California, an Ono Marine, Inc., and a

It only sits there going into the background system, the computer to explore a collective order in a medium size, however existing company.

ECZ was basically a group of industrialists led by the Farber family in 1957 and was involved in the production, distribution and sale of dyed, woven and man-made products.

It also has an interest in the paper and packaging industry and has ventured into property development and the manufacture of extruded steel bars.

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December 5, 2003 Country	Religion	Year Established	Seventh Day Adventist	Pop. Expenditure
Albania	Islam	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Algeria	Islam	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Angola	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Antigua and Barbuda	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Argentina	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Armenia	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Australia	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Austria	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Azerbaijan	Islam	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Bahamas	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Bahrain	Islam	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Bangladesh	Islam	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Barbados	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Belarus	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Belgium	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Belize	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Benin	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Bhutan	Buddhism	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Bolivia	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
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Brazil	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
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Burkina Faso	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Burundi	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Cambodia	Buddhism	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Cameroon	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Canada	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Cape Verde	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Casakhstan	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Cayman Islands	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Czech Republic	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
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Equatorial Guinea	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Eritrea	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Estonia	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
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Guinea	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Guinea-Bissau	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
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Iceland	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
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Israel	Judaism	1900	1,000,000	10,000
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Jamaica	Christian	1900	1,000,000	10,000
Japan	Buddhism	1900	1,000,000	10,000
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## Sweet flavors with no calories

**I**N THE PHILIPPINES where citrus fragrances are the norm, the cooler months from October to February give license to wear stronger, sexier and sexier scents.

Confectionery-based perfumes are an instant hit. Here, I have listed some choice products for your deliriousness.

### MAKEOVER 911



**Kinry Salas**

**Chocolate:** Comptoir de Sud Pacifique in Cacao with Star choc-bar soap in coffee flavor (P195) from Lescage will drive chocoholics mad with joy.

More sophisticated chocolate scents are that of Thierry Mugler's Angel, both in perfume and the beautiful star candle, Lolita Lempicka's sweet licorice base, and D'Arny's Candied Fruits home and body line, which has been mistaken for TM's Angel (though it comes at a fraction of the price, but with the same intensity).

The biggest news is that Bulgari has come up with a limited-edition item called Blu Note that combines chocolate and vodka. This is my current Bulgari favorite!

**Milk:** Johnson's baby milk bath, Star choc bar vanilla scented soap, The Body Shop's soy light oil spray, and body scrub.

D'Arny's honey home and body line, which includes cleansing fluid, gel, milk bath, massage nectar, candles, incense and alcohol-free spray, brings back happy childhood memories. Armande's body line ranges with its scent of sugary almonds has led my friends to sniff me all day long. It's truly addicting.

For matching scents, try Nina Ricci's Jour de Fête.

**Fruity vanilla:** Nina Ricci's Love in Paris with Bergamot, Apricot, Jasmine Cedarwood and of course, vanilla, is tops in my list. The shower gel and body lotion smells even better when it mixes with the body chemistry. This is the only other Nina Ricci I like aside from Almond Amour.

Benetton's B-United Woman's vanilla and tart berries combination reminds me of a yummy raspberry smoothie.

Fruited by Louis Feraud blends with mouthwatering pears, while Comptoir de

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**LACOSTE** Touch of Pink 001

**BVLGARI** Blu Note



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Just Vanilla Absolute is less sticky than pure vanilla.

**Crashcourse:** There are two main lines that offer great Christmas scents. The Body Shop is the hands-down winner with its entire body line of shower gel, body cream, body lotion, and deodorant lotion.

The industry home fragrance oil is also for most people, and it's the fragrance with water in a bottle will fill a large room. You won't need to replace it just before Christmas.

**Complete the home range** with Wood of Windsor's special room-berry candles and incense sticks. They make great affordable Christmas presents.

### Two options

For those who don't want vanilla or candy-scented scents, the holidays have two options in store for you.

A line in perfume is L'Occitane. Two perfume lines will play in her Christmas collection, the L'Occitane line. The line is now has three perfume scents in vanilla, lemon, and orange.

For those wanting to go on fragrance, there are no better



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to make it taste to their. Compare the two's Vanilla, orange, and Christmas vanilla.

Woods of Windsor's orange spice shower gel is refreshing soap-scented with L'Occitane's touch of pink is Champagne. Of these, are much for each other and can actually be worn all year round.

The scent notes of blood - orange - or Touch of Pink and the new grapefruit in O'Possums scents fresh, clean and everything. L'Occitane TDS scents very similar to L'Occitane's Touch of Pink II.

These scents are, therefore, better who are looking for the best of the best. Fragrance can get the L'Occitane's Vanilla Moments. It is also in a large size, going to the L'Occitane store in a unit of pink, pink,

emphatically, and more, for her and yours.

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**TWO-PIECE**  
 gown featuring  
 lace and organza  
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 cut on the back,  
 photographed by  
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**WINTER** top in  
 gown side draped  
 with lace pleated  
 over skirt, [unreadable]

# Sparkling holiday drama

**Tast by** Cam B. Pollis  
**Costume by**  
**Photo by** Joseph Aguilera

**C**HRISTMAS is the season of  
 sparkling lights and doc-  
 umentary colors, and lobby  
 November takes his cue from them.  
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 that the bold and dramatic get full credit and  
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**DIAGONALLY** cut  
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 monochromatic  
 yellow and orange  
 fringe [unreadable]



**SLIT** organza in contrasting colors of sage and black as contrasted  
 with lace and flowers



**TURQUOISE** gown in [unreadable] with green lace [unreadable]  
 color-coded in gold thread and draped diagonally



**SATIN** gown in [unreadable] with lace [unreadable] in gold thread,  
 and draped [unreadable] around the hips



**BLACK** and [unreadable] gown with [unreadable] of organza [unreadable] each other in  
 contrasting color

[unreadable]  
 [unreadable]  
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AQUA-soft T-shirt (P.130), black long-sleeved hooded sweater (P.140), grey pants (P.130)



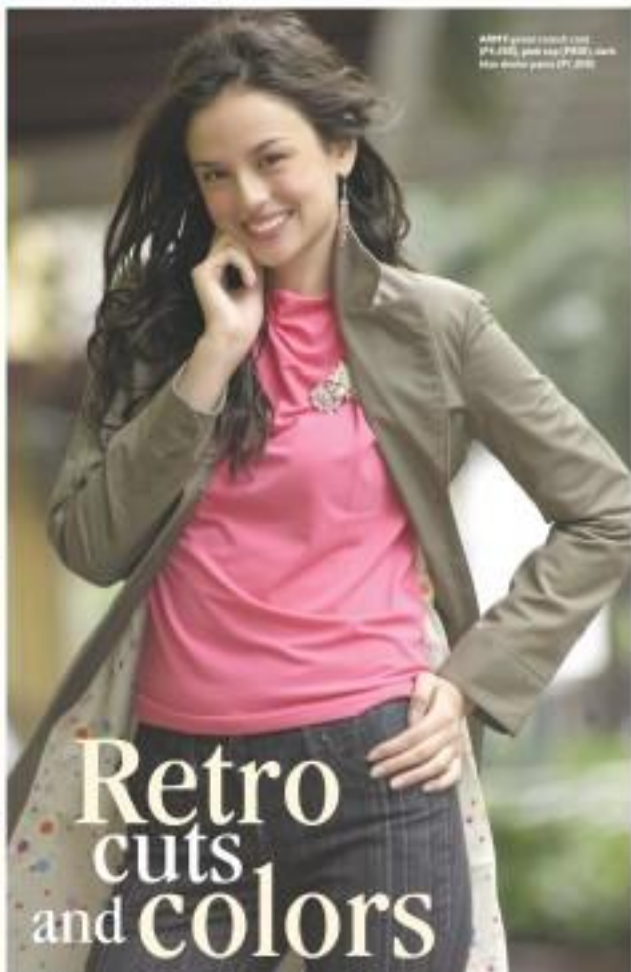
BLUE cardigan (P.130), sleeveless coral neck blouse (P.130), black pants (P.130), sweater hooded sweater (P.140), sleeveless sweater (P.130)

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SCARF (P.130), red short-sleeved blouse (P.140), grey pants (P.130)

COOL brown cardigan (P.130), dark brown cardigan (P.140), white shirt (P.130), olive green denim pants (P.140), olive green denim pants (P.140), olive green denim pants (P.140), olive green denim pants (P.140)



# Retro cuts and colors

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With the season in full swing, and Colour Eighteen fashion is here to spice up your holiday

getaway. Spring ready, playful, the fall holiday collection of Colour Eighteen has all the elements of the late '80s. Groovy to downtown pin art and casual, the collection features with pulsed the living and multi-colored bags. The retro-inspired collection comes in an array of bold colors to complement the fall days such as electric pink, vibrant orange, intense purple, bright red and rich brown.

In this season, as you enjoy the festivities, have a little '80s pop culture style and be out there matching big hair and makeup.

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RED turtleneck top (P.140), olive green cardigan pants (P.130), multi-colored bag (P.130)